

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of September 2, 2003. As agreed upon, Applicants herein provide a summary of the arguments presented in the telephone conference. Also as discussed, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 2, and claim 2 has been cancelled herein. Claim 33 also has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Claims 1, 3-12, 17, 19-23, and 31-35 are currently pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending application is respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 1-12, 17, 19-23 and 31-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Ohlrogge et al. (U.S. Patent 5,925,805) taken with Shorosh et al. (PNAS 91:4323-4327, May 1994) and in view of Gegenbach et al. (U.S. Patent 5,498,544).

In the telephone conference of September 2, 2003, Applicants discussed and reiterated the arguments presented in the Response of February 24, 2003. Applicants discussed the pending claims in view of the cited art, particularly Ohlrogge et al. and Gegenbach et al. Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the arguments presented. The Examiner indicated in a second phone call of September 2, 2003 that she no longer considered the claims to be obvious over the cited art. In light of this, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 2 is moot, and request that the rejection of claims 1, 3-12, 17, 19-23, and 31-35 under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn.

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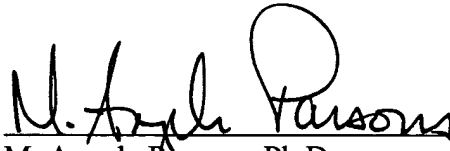
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CONCLUSIONS

Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1, 3-12, 17, 19-23, and 31-35.
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Respectfully submitted,

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